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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

—— *Noſtrum eſt tantas componere Lites.* Virg.

From *Saturday November* 25. to *Tueſday November* 28. 1710.

The Proceedings of the Court of Honour, *held in* Sheer-Lane *on* Monday *the* 20*th of* November, 1710. *before* Iſaac Bickerſtaff *Eſq; Cenſor of* Great Britain.

PETER *Plumb*, of *London*, Merchant, was indicted by the Honourable Mr. *Thomas Gules*, of *Gule-Hall* in the County of *Salop*, for that the ſaid *Peter Plumb* did in *Lombard-ſtreet*, *London*, between the Hours of Two and Three in the Afternoon, meet the ſaid Mr. *Thomas Gules*, and after a ſhort Salutation put on his Hat, Value Five-Pence, while the Honourable Mr. *Gules* ſtood bare-headed for the Space of Two Seconds. It was further urged againſt the Criminal, That during his Diſcourſe with the Proſecutor, he feloniouſly ſtole the Wall of him, having clapped his Back againſt it in ſuch a Manner, that it was impoſſible for Mr. *Gules* to recover it again at his taking Leave of him. The Proſecutor alledged, That he was the Cadet of a very ancient Family; and that according to the Principles of all the younger Brothers of the ſaid Family, he had never ſullied himſelf with Buſineſs, but had choſen rather to ſtarve like a Man of Honour, than do any thing beneath his Quality. He produced ſeveral Witneſſes, That he had never employed himſelf beyond the twiſting of a Whip, or the making of a Pair of Nut-Crackers, in which he only worked for his Diverſion, in order to make a Preſent now and then to his Friends. The Priſoner being asked what he could ſay for himſelf, caſt ſeveral Reflections upon the Honourable Mr. *Gules*, as, That he was not worth a Groat; That no Body in the City would truſt him for a Halfpenny; That he owed him Money, which he had promiſed to pay him ſeveral times, but never kept his Word; and in ſhort, That he was an idle, beggarly Fellow, and of no Uſe to the Publick. This ſort of Language was very ſeverely reprimanded by the Cenſor, who told the Criminal, That he ſpoke in Contempt of the Court, and that he ſhould be proceeded againſt for Contumacy if he did not change his Style. The Priſoner therefore deſired to be heard by his Council, who urged in his Defence, That he put on his Hat through Ignorance, and took the Wall by Accident. They likewiſe produced ſeveral Witneſſes, That he made ſeveral Motions with his Hat in his Hand, which are generally underſtood as an Invitation to the Perſon we talk with to be covered; and that the Gentleman not taking the Hint, he was forced to put on his Hat, as being troubled with a Cold. There was likewiſe an *Iriſh* Man who depoſed, That he had heard him cough Three and twenty Times that Morning. And as for the Wall, it was alledged, That he had taken it inadvertently, to ſave himſelf from a Shower of Rain which was then falling. The Cenſor having conſulted the Men of Honour who ſat at his Right Hand on the Bench, found they were all of Opinion, That the Defence made by the Priſoner's Council did rather aggravate than extenuate his Crime; That the Motions and Intimations of the Hat were a Token of Superiority in Converſation, and therefore not to be uſed by the Criminal to a Man of the Proſecutor's Quality, who was likewiſe veſted with a double Title to the Wall at the Time of their Converſation, both as it was the upper Hand, and as it was a Shelter from the Weather. The Evidence being very full and clear, the Jury, without going out of Court, declared their Opinion unanimouſly by the Mouth of their Foreman, That the Proſecutor was bound in Honour to make the Sun ſhine through the Criminal, or, as they afterwards explained themſelves, to whip him through the Lungs.

The Cenſor knitting his Brows into a Frown, and looking very ſternly upon the Jury, after a little Pauſe, gave them to know, That this Court was erected for the finding out of Penalties ſuitable to Offences, and to reſtrain the Outrages of private Juſtice; and that he expected they ſhould moderate their Verdict. The Jury therefore retired, and being willing to comply with the Advices of the Cenſor, after an Hour's Conſultation, declared their Opinion as follows;

That in Conſideration this was *Peter Plumb*'s firſt Offence, and that there did not appear any *Malice prepenſe* in it, as alſo that he lived in good Reputation among his Neighbours, and that his taking the Wall was only *Se Defendendo*, the Proſecutor ſhould let him eſcape with Life, and content himſelf with the ſlitting of his Noſe, and the cutting off both his Ears.

Mr. *Bickerſtaff* ſmiling upon the Court, told them, That he thought the Puniſhment, even under its preſent Mitigation, too ſevere; and that ſuch Penalties might be of ill Conſequence in a Trading Nation. He therefore pronounced Sentence againſt the Criminal in the following Manner: That his Hat, which was the Inſtrument of Offence, ſhould be forfeited to the Court; That the Criminal ſhould go to the Warehouſe from whence he came, and thence, as Occaſion ſhould require, proceed to the *Exchange* or *Garraway*'s Coffee-houſe in what Manner he pleaſed; but that neither he, nor any of the Family of the *Plumbs*, ſhould hereafter appear in the Streets of *London* out of their Coaches, that ſo the Foot-Way might be left open and undiſturbed for their Betters.

Dathan a peddling *Jew*, and *T. R----* a *Welſhman*, were indicted by the Keeper of an Ale-houſe in *Weſtminſter* for breaking the Peace and Two Earthen Mugs, in a Diſpute about the Antiquity of their Families, to the great Detriment of the Houſe, and Diſturbance of the whole Neighbourhood. *Dathan* ſaid for himſelf, That he was provoked to it by the *Welſhman*, who pretended that the *Welſh*

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were an ancienter People than the *Jews*; whereas, says he, I can ſhow by this Genealogy in my Hand, That I am the Son of *Meſhech*, that was the Son of *Naboth*, that was the Son of *Shalem*, that was the Son of---- The *Welſhman* here interrupted him, and told him, That he could produce Shennalogy as well as himſelf; for that he was *John ap Rice*, *ap Shenkin*, *ap Shones*, and ſo on. He then turned himſelf to the Cenſor, and told him in the ſame broken Accent, and with much Warmth, That the *Jew* would needs uphold, that King *Cadwallader* was younger than *Iſſachar*. Mr. *Bickerſtaff* ſeemed very much inclined to give Sentence againſt *Dathan*, as being a *Jew*; but finding Reaſons by ſome Expreſſions, which the *Welſhman* let fall in aſſerting the Antiquity of his Family, to ſuſpect that the ſaid *Welſhman* was a *Pre-Adamite*, he ſuffered the Jury to go out, without any previous Admonition. After ſome Time they returned, and gave their Verdict, That it appearing the Perſons at the Bar did neither of them wear a Sword, and that conſequently they had no Right to quarrel upon a Point of Honour; to prevent ſuch frivolous Appeals for the future, they ſhould both of them be toſſed in the ſame Blanket, and there adjuſt the Superiority as they could agree it between themſelves. The Cenſor confirmed the Verdict.

Richard Newman was indicted by Major *Punto* for having uſed the Words, *Perhaps it may be ſo*, in a Diſpute with the ſaid Major. The Major urged, That the Word *perhaps* was queſtioning his Veracity, and that it was an indirect Manner of giving him the Lye. *Richard Newman* had nothing more to ſay for himſelf, than that he intended no ſuch Thing, and threw himſelf upon the Mercy of the Court. The Jury brought in their Verdict Special.

Mr. *Bickerſtaff* ſtood up, and after having caſt his Eyes over the whole Aſſembly, hem'd Thrice. He then acquainted them, That he had laid down a Rule to himſelf, which he was reſolved never to depart from, and which, as he conceived, would very much conduce to the ſhortening the Buſineſs of the Court. I mean, ſays he, never to allow of the Lye being given by Conſtruction, Implication, or Induction, but by the ſole Uſe of the Word it ſelf. He then proceeded to ſhow the great Miſchiefs that had ariſen to the *Engliſh* Nation from that pernicious Monoſyllable; that it had bred the moſt fatal Quarrels between the deareſt Friends; that it had frequently thin'd the Guards, and made great Havock in the Army; That it had ſometimes weakened the City Train'd-bands; and in a Word, had deſtroyed many of the braveſt Men in the Iſle of *Great Britain*. For the Prevention of which Evils for the future, he inſtructed the Jury to *preſent* the Word it ſelf as a Nuſance in the *Engliſh* Tongue; and further promiſed them, that he would, upon ſuch their Preſentment, publiſh an Edict of the Court for the entire Baniſhment and Excluſion of it out of the Diſcourſes and Converſation of all civil Society.

This is a true Copy.

Charles Lillie.

Monday *next is ſet apart for the Tryal of ſeveral Female Cauſes.*

N. B. *The Caſe of the Haſſock will come on between the Hours of Nine and Ten.*

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WHereas Mr. Lawrſon, Apothecary, in Wapping, nigh Wapping-Dock, who was thought by ſeveral People to have left off his Buſineſs entirely; theſe are to adverti<ſe them, that he deſigns to continue ſtill in his Employment or Buſineſs.

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